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“Meeting the foreign language maintenance needs of linguists in the field”

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Established in February 2000 to protect the investment made by the military services in the foreign language education of military language specialists.

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Mission Statement

Sustain, and enhance the language proficiency of non-resident Dept. of Defense and other government personnel using state-of-the-art language teaching and assessment methods delivered through a synergistic blend of established and emerging distance education services.

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- Established as DLI’s eighth school
- Faculty - 50 work years, partially reimbursable
- Employs current and emerging distance learning capabilities
- Potential of reaching more than 23,000 field linguists in command language programs

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- Serves DLI's highest-enrollment languages
  - **(Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Persian, Russian, Serbian- Croatian and Spanish)**
- Faculty dedicated to VTT/MTT instruction
- Faculty providing better quality instruction

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Philosophy

“Raise new questions, explore new possibilities, regard old problems from a new angle.”

-Albert Einstein

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Functional Areas

- Distance Learning (VTT/MTT)
- Diagnostic Assessment
- Educational Technology
- 97L/Special Programs
- Language Teaching Detachments

Distance Learning (VTT/MTT)

- Initial effort to cover 75% of scheduled requirements in the 7 highest-enrollment languages
- Currently covering nearly 100% of requirements
- 7,710 hours of VTT instruction in FY 2000 to 15 sites
- 10,028 hours of MTT instruction in FY 2000 to 40 sites
- Requests for VTT/MTT instruction exceeding available resources in 2001

Distance Learning (VTT)

Courses Offered

- Sustainment (less than 30 hours)
- Refresher (30-40 hours)
- Enhancement (75-100 hours)

Diagnostic Assessment

- Consists of a 1.5-hour, individually-administered face-to-face interview in speaking, listening and reading with two specially trained specialists
- Speaking is similar to the OPI
- Listening and reading based on carefully selected and graded authentic materials

Diagnostic Assessment

Results of the Interview

- Diagnostic profile showing patterns of linguistic strength and weakness
- Learning plan outlining learning strategies, resources and recommendations

Diagnostic Assessment

Current Capability

- 10 specialists
- Languages: Arabic, Korean, Persian-Farsi, Russian and Spanish

Educational Technology

- Develops and delivers maintenance and enhancement materials and courses for online and CD delivery
- ILR levels 1+-2+
- 100-hour online courses forthcoming in October 2001 in Arabic, Chinese, Korean and Russian

Educational Technology

Accomplishments in 2000

- Conversion of 30 hours of DIA-funded Serbian-Croatian, FLO-based, area studies material from CD to Web-deliverable format
- Development of 80 hours each of Korean and Persian-Farsi FLO-based sustainment and enhancement activities at the 1+ to 2+ levels in a multimedia-rich, CD-deliverable format

97L/Special Programs

- Principles of translation and interpretation
- Taught 2 iterations of Phase II of the 97L10 course relieving backlog
- Graduated a total number of 54 linguists in Chinese, German, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Tagalog

97L/Special Programs

- Phase I of course was taught via VTT from Camp Luis Obispo, to 7 locations
- 97L familiarization train-the-trainer workshops were provided to 20 DLI faculty prior to their participation
- Eight iterations of up to 10 linguists each in various languages are scheduled through the end of FY01

97L/Special Programs

- Currently revising the language-specific content of the course materials in the high-demand languages (Arabic, Russian and Spanish)

Language Teaching Detachments

Objective: Provide tailored language courses at field sites year around. In FY 2000, assigned faculty PCS for three years.

Location	Language (No. of Faculty)
JLC Ft. Gordon, GA	Arabic (1), Persian-Farsi (1)
JLC Kunia Oahu, HI	Chinese (1), Korean (1)
JLC Medina San Antonio, TX	Russian (1), Spanish (1)
Camp LeJeune, NC	Spanish (2)
NASA JSC Houston, Texas	Russian (1)

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- DLI’s link to the field.
- Stands ready to serve field linguists
- Committed to providing the highest quality language sustainment education possible for the best value.

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Questions?

Discussion?